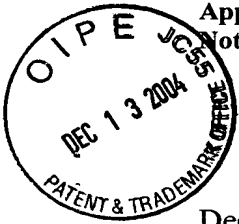


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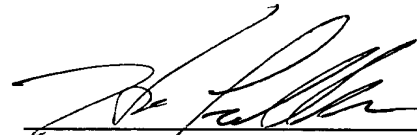
REMARKS

As discussed with Examiner Larson via telephone on December 8, 2004 and December 13, 2004, dependent claim 14 contains an error. Applicants intended to recite that the "lower surface" of the chuck was straight. However, claim 14 instead recited "said *line* between the juncture and the end point of the lower surface is straight," which is clearly in error since the line referred to in the claims is, by definition, straight.

Since the Examiner agreed that this error was of an editorial nature, Applicants submit the enclosed Section 312 amendment that changes the term "line" to "lower surface" in claim 14. No other amendment is made herein. Accordingly, Applicants request entry of the enclosed amendment.

If the examiner believes that a telephone conversation is required to clarify any part of this submission, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

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